# **Murphysboro City Council Meeting January 13, 2015**

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 13th day of January, 2015. Mayor Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Pastor Deb Rathert led the council in prayer. Following the invocation, Mayor Stephens led the council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Mayor Stephens then directed City Clerk Cottonaro to call the roll. The roll was called with the following

Present: Barb Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Danny Bratton, Mark Costa,

Sandi Bullar, Russell Brown, Gary McComb

Absent: Mike Bastien

Mayor Stephens read a response letter from Lean Ely of France.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the December 9, 2014 and December 22, 2014 council meeting. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman McComb Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

#### **Motion Carried**

Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #559, #560, #561 and #562 through January 9, 2015, accounts receivable through January 9, 2015 and payroll through January 9, 2015. All aldermen received a copy of the accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman Pierson Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried** 

#### REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

None

### COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Public Improvement Committee meeting of December 22, 2014

No action taken.

Public Safety Committee meeting of December 22, 2014

#### Motion: To approve the 9-1-1 Intergovernmental agreement.

Motion by Alderman McComb Seconded by Alderman Bullar

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried** 

Personnel Committee meeting of December 22, 2014.

No action taken.

Budget & Finance, Public Works, Building and Grounds, Community Relations meetings were not held since there was not a quorum present

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Motion: To approve the bids received for 815 Maple Street, 114 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street and 2239 Commercial Avenue.

Motion by Alderman McComb Seconded by Alderman Bullar

Yeas: Barb Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Danny Bratton, Mark Costa, Russell

Brown, Sandi Bullar, Gary McComb

Nays: None Motion Carried

Motion: To approve the Resolution authorizing 1915 Walnut Street to be sold by city staff with a minimum starting bid of \$2500.

Motion by Alderman Bratton | Seconded by Alderman McComb

Yeas: Barb Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Danny Bratton, Mark Costa, Russell

Brown, Sandi Bullar, Gary McComb

Nays: None **Motion Carried** 

Motion: To approve the bid from Craine Heating and Air in the amount of \$6870 for replacement of a heating and air unit at the Youth and Rec Center with the stipulation the work be done within two weeks

Motion by Alderman Bratton Seconded by Alderman Hughes

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

## **Motion Carried**

Motion: To approve the re-appointment of Don Siefert to the Kinkaid-Reeds Conservancy District.

Motion by Alderman Bullar Seconded by Alderman Costa

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried** 

Clerical and public works contracts are coming up soon and Mayor Stephens would like to appoint a Labor Committee consisting of himself, Alderman Hughes, Alderman Brown, and Alderman Pierson as a negotiating team if they were willing to serve on the committee. Alderman Ardrey inquired if there would be a designation of authority and expectations stated for the Labor Committee. Labor committee will consist of Alderman Hughes, Alderman Brown, and Alderman Pierson.

Mayor Stephens stated that several people have come forward regarding the Ward 1 alderman appointment. He has spoken to Todd Pierson, Tom Ridings and Blaine Ensor. All the applicants have excellent qualification and at this point Mayor Stephens would like to put together a panel to determine which candidate is best suited to the position. He would like Alderman Hughes, Alderman Bratton and Alderman Pierson to serve on this panel if they are willing and all agreed. Panel will consist of Alderman Hughes, Alderman Bratton and Alderman Pierson.

### ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Barbara Hughes nothing

Vicki Ardrey Ministerial Alliance would like to hold a sunrise service, four

churches are participating, and they were requesting to waive

the fee on the no name park.

Bill Pierson nothing

Dan Bratton

Mark Costa

Sandi Bullar nothing

Russell Brown nothing

Gary McComb Would like to discuss the amount that the company owes to

the city for the water line project at the next standing

committee meeting.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS**

Ed Heller nothing

Sandra Ripley nothing

Bill Center WWTP-we have been issued a construction permit but still have

to have loan approval and then we can start.

Steve Swafford nothing

Brian Hollo Need five more names for ICICLE Board

Eric Kennedy nothing

Tim Lee nothing

Brian Manwaring nothing

Darrin Mills nothing

Jim Stewart nothing

Motion: To go into executive session at 7:40 pm to discuss matters related to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) regarding pending litigation.

Motion by Alderman Bullar Seconded by Alderman Bratton

Yeas: Barb Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Danny Bratton, Mark Costa, Russell

Brown, Sandi Bullar, Gary McComb

Nays: None Motion Carried

Motion: To come out of executive session at 7:52 p.m.

Motion by Alderman Costa Seconded by Alderman Bratton

Yeas: Barb Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Danny Bratton, Mark Costa, Russell

Brown, Sandi Bullar, Gary McComb

Nays: None **Motion Carried** 

Motion: To adjourn

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman McComb

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried** 

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.